

ALABAMA BOARD OF NURSING

770 Washington Ave, Ste 350, RSA Plaza
Montgomery, Alabama

Fiscal Year 2015-2016
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 3, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday December 3, 2015.

The following Board members were present:
Francine Parker, EdD, MSN, RN, President;
E. Laura Wright, PhD, MNA, CRNA, Vice-President;
Gladys Davis Hill, MSN, RN, Secretary;
Natalie Baker, DNP, CRNP;
Cheryl Bailey, BSN, MBA;
Melissa Bullard, LPN;
Catherine Dearman, RN, PhD;
Jill B. Hightower, MSN, RN;
Chrystabell King, LPN;
Helen T. McAlpine, Ed.D.;

and Executive Officer Peggy Benson, MSHA, MSN, NE-BC,

ABN Board members absent were:
Peggie Carpenter, BA, LPN;
Amy Price, MSN, RN;
Judith Burns, LPN

Staff members attending the meeting were:
Cathy Boden, MSN, RN, Legal Nurse Consultant;
Charlene Cotton, MSN, RN, Advanced Practice;
Dawn Daniel, MSN, RN, Probation Nurse Consultant;
Christie Davis, Chief Financial Officer;
Mary Ed Davis, RN, MSN, Voluntary Disciplinary Alternative Program;
Honor Ingels, Chief Legislative and Information Officer;
Alice Maples Henley, Deputy Attorney General/General Counsel
Joyce Jeter, MSN, RN, Practice/Continuing Education;
Barbara Johnson, HR Manager;
Brad Jones, IT Specialist;
Kristine Jordan, as recorder;
Howard Kenney, Chief Investigator;

Debra Lett, PhD, MSN, MPA, RN, Education Nurse Consultant;
Abby Migliore, RN, MSN, Legal Nurse Consultant;
Melanie Rightmyer, RN, MSN, Legal Nursing Consultant;
Robert Rollins, IT Manager;
Patrick Samuelson, Assistant General Counsel.

Visitor attending the meeting was:
Mark Wilkerson, Esq., Hearing Officer
Larry Ward, Junior IT Consultant, AUM

B. Declaration of Quorum

A quorum was declared with _____ Board members present on December 3rd, 2015.

C. Statement of Compliance with Open Meetings Act

Prior notice of this meeting was posted on the Secretary of State's web site in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

D. Review of Agenda

- 1) Additions, Modifications, Reordering None
- 2) Adoption of Consent Agenda

The following items were accepted on the Consent Agenda:

- II Advance Practice
- III Open Forum
- VI Practice and Continuing Education
- V Strategic Planning
- VI Executive Officer
- VII NCSBN
- VIII Board Travel
- X Education
- XI Other

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E. Minutes

On December 15, _____ moved that the Board adopt the Consent Agenda.

_____ seconded. Motion carried without objection.

II. ADVANCE PRACTICE

A. Advance Practice Applications

Ms. Daniels reported that the roster includes all applications for collaborative practice completed by September 18, 2015. The Joint Committee will meet on December 13, 2015, to review the applications as listed in the roster. The Board of Medical Examiners (BME) will meet on December 18, 2015.

The roster of applications was distributed for the Board's review and approval.

On December 03, _____ moved that the Board approve the applicants for collaborative practice as listed in the published roster, pending confirmation from the Joint Committee and Board of Medical Examiners.

_____ seconded. Motion carried without objection.

B. Advance Practice Guideline/Policy

here be a delay on a request for Specialty Formulary or Specialty Protocols.

Nurse Specialist.

On December 03, _____ moved that the Board accept the change in policy for approval of collaborative practice applications.

III. FINANCE

A. FY 2017 Budget Approval

Ms. Davis reported and reviewed the FY 2017 budget, which is due in the budget office on November 2, 2015. The proposed budget is typically presented at a Board meeting before the due date so that it can be submitted by the deadline. Ms. Davis also highlighted large variances from previous years in relation to the FY 2017 proposed budget assumptions

for the Board's information and review. Ms. Davis also informed the board about the new state fringe and payroll system.

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed budget, specifically, the changes in lease fees for facilities and costs for rental of the old Board room, as well as possible ways to reduce future expenditures.

Mrs. Benson informed the Board members that there are several options being discussed with RSA. The greatest potential savings is represented by selling the old Board table and leasing or subleasing the old Board room. These items will be brought forward to the Board in the spring or sooner upon development.

On December 16, _____ moved that the Board approve the FY 2017 proposed ABN Trust Fund expenditure budget. _____ seconded. Motion carried without objection.

IV. EXECUTIVE OFFICER

A. NURSYS

Mrs. Benson summarized the NURSYS system processes and changes occurring with the subscription service. Indicating that Robert Rollins and Charlene Cotton have worked toward matching information and certificate information and this should continue for about two or three more weeks until finalized. At that time, the Board members will receive a report on all nurses that have discipline from other boards across the US. Board staff continues to work on a review process through legal to address the individual issues. Mrs. Benson reported for the Board members information as information only.

B. License Card Update

Mrs. Benson updated the Board on the elimination of plastic license cards, effective January 1, 2016 and proposed processes for the transition. At time of roll out in January, the plan is to send a certificate, which will state when the applicant became a nurse. Board staff is expanding the subscription verification service, in that all subscribers will receive all information, with subscription level determined by number of licensees, rather than desired scope of information which improves public safety. Ms. Benson reported for the Board members as information only.

C. Appoint Education Advisory Council

Mrs. Benson reviewed the proposal for an advisory council to establish dialogue with LPN programs related to the feasibility of bridge programs for military veterans. The ultimate goal is to create a pathway from LPN to BSN. Currently there are no veteran bridge programs in Alabama. The cost is \$30.00 per day plus mileage for each member appointed. This would also fulfill one of the Board's SWOT plans: to look at our military

service members and what the Board could do to help to establish a nursing career path for them.

Board Members discussed the benefit of establishing a military bridge program. Several questions relating to who should be part of the council, coming to a consensus that invitations should be extended to all 17 public PN programs, as well as faculty in facilities near military installations in Alabama.

Dr. McAlpine recommended that Debra Millings, who is a veteran, be appointed to the committee as well. Should Ms. Millings decline, Dr. Alpine volunteered to be a member of the council.

On December 16, _____ moved that the Board establish an Education Advisory Council to review the feasibility of a veteran bridge program and to invite all proposed members.

_____ seconded. Motion carried without objection.

V. EDUCATION

Mrs. Benson indicated that there a number of educational programs who may not meet the 3 year rolling average on the September 30th report due any day. Mrs. Benson stated that she would review the rules closely and come back to the Board with recommendations in November. The Education Report was presented as information for the ABN Board members.

Nurse Consultant Activities on September 9, 2015: Reid State Technical College PN program survey visit.

VI. LEGAL

A. North Carolina Dental Board Decision

Mr. Patrick summarized a recent meeting relating to the Dental Board decision, which affects the process for establishing rules and regulations by regulatory boards. Boards throughout the United States are working to adapt to the ruling, which could expose Board members to anti-trust actions by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). At the meeting, there were mixed feelings as to how this will change board processes in the future. Mr. Samuelson voiced the concern that the FTC may seek to have all boards controlled by non-market participants and not the experts in fields making decisions on scope of practice (e.g., a plumber overseeing the pharmacy board). The Dental Board decision is very broad, leaving future actions open to interpretation based on the specific facts in any given case. Mr. Patrick presented as information for the ABN Board

members.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the ABN Board will be November 12-13, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. Located in the RSA Plaza 770 Washington Ave, Suite 350, Montgomery, Alabama.

VIII. OTHER

IX. BOARD MEETING DEBRIEFING

X. ADJOURNMENT

The ABN Board meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m. on December 03, 2015.

Francine Parker, President

Gladys Davis Hill, Secretary

Submitted by: _____
Kristine Jordan, Recorder 10/03/2015